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SUBJECT: Mitrione Kidnapping

REF: (a) State 124329; (b) Montevideo 1586; (c) State 126293

1. Department requests that you immediately deliver to President Pacheco the following message from President Nixon:

2. QUOTE Your assurances in your cable of August 2 to employ every means available to you to secure the most rapid release of Dan Antony Mitrione are sincerely appreciated. The Government and people of the United States of America are deeply concerned by the kidnapping and the continued detention of the wounded victim, who is being denied hospitalization. I am confident that consistent with the spirit of your cable you will not foreclose any actions which could bring about the safe return of Mr. Mitrione to his family at the earliest possible moment. END QUOTE

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3. In delivering message, emphasize our grave concern now that kidnappers have set deadline in fourth note and that time extremely short to open lines of communication with MLN to avert tragedy. USG has full confidence that GOU can find solution for safe return of Mitrione which will still be consonant with GOU basic policies and interests. If you deem it appropriate, you may draw on Crimmins comments to Luisi as set forth Reftel (c) in paragraph 2(3) on humanitarian and democratic tradition of Uruguay and to draw attention to actions by Brazilian Government in similar circumstances which found itself able to respond on humanitarian grounds to terrorism against accredited diplomats and to gain widespread public support within Brazil for its action.

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4. FYI You will note that the message from President Nixon parallels that of Brazilian President Medici in firmness of tone and in t[illegible] expectation that everything in the GOU power will be done to effect Mitrione's release. The Brazilian position undoubtedly results from internal pressures that the GOB insist that GOU be as forthcoming, i.e., meet kidnappers' demands, as GOB has been in similar cases. Since US officials were victims of kidnapping in Brazil when GOB first met kidnappers' demands, failure on our part now to take as definite a position as Brazilians could risk adverse effects on our relations with Brazil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT:

FOIA Request #630373 from
David Ronfeldt (S/S 7713174)

We have reviewed the one document you sent us.
We concur in its declassification.

Michael Hornblow
Acting Staff Secretary

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